

**DOWNTOWN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**August 3, 2012
MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Howard Klein, Matt Klein, Larry Rauch, and Michael Tansey.

Absent: James Barich, Ernie Doizaki, Richard Gardner, Alexander Palermo, Mark Shinbane, and Bill Shinbane.

STAFF: Edward Camarillo, Fred Faustino, Raquel King, Estela Lopez, and George Peterman.

CONSULTANTS: Ken Coelho and Don Steier.

GUESTS: Dilip Bhavnani, LAPD Lt. Shannon Paulson and Senior Lead Officer Jack Richter.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Rauch called the meeting to order with a quorum at 10:01am. Introductions were made around the table.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lopez introduced CCEA's new operations manager Edward Camarillo.

David Roberts, City Council candidate CD9 stopped by to introduce himself to the Board. Roberts spoke about his professional background and his priorities if he is victorious.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tansey made a motion to approve the May 4, 2012 minutes, and M. Klein seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

H. Klein introduced Dilip Bhavnani to the Board. H. Klein made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to invite Bhavnani to the Board of Directors; Tansey seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

V. FINANCE

Coelho reviewed the June financial report with the Board:

- a. Received a total of just under \$1.6 million assessment revenue to date. Penalty income: \$53,000**
- b. As of June 30, balance of approx. \$752,000 in the bank**
- c. Projecting to end the year with cash balance of approx. \$65,000**
- d. Receivables- \$338,000 on the books for 2012**
- e. Budgeted to receive an additional approx. \$224,000 by year-end**
- f. Outstanding Delinquent assessments: 2010 (\$59,000) and 2011 (\$66,000).**

VII. OPERATIONS

Peterman reported that the BID public safety officers handled 2,127 incidents in April; 2,177 incidents in May; and 2,224 in June.

During the 2nd quarter 2012, the maintenance team collected 13,158 bags of trash; removed 259 instances of graffiti; removed 389 bulky items; 212 and weeded areas in the District.

LAPD Update:

Officer Richter reported that he, Rebecca Sherrill of the DWP, King walked the 500 block of Towne Ave in efforts to identify poles where additional lighting could be added, or wattage increased. Towne Ave is extremely dark at night.

Officer Richter stated that over the last 6 months LAPD has confiscated more guns and other weapons than they have in many years. Lt. Paulson added that LAPD found a Desert Eagle 357, which is a very large gun, inside a shopping cart. The gun

was traced back to gang members dealing drugs in the area. Lt. Paulson stated that a separate incident included two bike thieves with guns inside their back packs.

Officer Richter informed the Board that the Obone Festival took place at 3rd & Crocker Streets. As a result of the BID public safety patrols, there were no burglaries from motor vehicles.

Rauch stated that as a result of the public/private partnership in efforts to improve the conditions in Skid Row, conditions are better. Rauch thanked the BID, LAPD, Mayor's office, and County Public Health for being proactive and results-driven.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Travelers Hotel:

CCEA led the opposition to the Travelers Hotel, leading to the City's revocation of the Hotel's license to operate. CCEA provided statistical data from the BID's computerized mapping system, which tracks public safety and maintenance incidents. Numerous incidents were directly associated with the Travelers Hotel. Executive Director Lopez testified in front of City Council and urged the Council to shut down the Travelers Hotel. Para los Ninos and various other property owners near and around the hotel also testified in opposition to the operation of the hotel and the effects that the hotel had on their operations.

Check-In Facility:

CCEA Celebrated the CIC's 10th year Anniversary. City Council presented CCEA with a proclamation in Council Chambers. The CIC and all of its partners who help to make this service possible were honored. CCEA partners include: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), Evoq Properties, Chrysalis, and Waste Management.

Lopez reported that in June 2012, at the request of the Mayor's office CCEA once again expanded its operation by 500 additional bins, now bringing the total to 1,100 bins. The vastness of the expansion required building out more space, additional personnel

and additional funding in order to operate the expansion. The City is funding the expansion through the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

Community Roll-Up Door Art Initiative:

Lopez informed the Board that the LAMP Community uses art as a therapy for their clients to deal with their issue of mental illness. The clients have created murals that can be installed on roll-up doors. The designs are very artful at a minimal cost. Lopez asked the Board for permission to engage business owners in the District to encourage them to participate in the program. The Board unanimously approved.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT- 11:10am